Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They thought that a comprehensive programme of road construction should be chalked out by the Board and for that purpose they wanted me to write to the President of the Rural Reconstruction Committee who has collected a good deal of information on the subject. They also suggested that instead of looking over the old roads they should be given powers to discuss annually all minor communications. Other points like T. A. were also discussed.

Choondal Panchayat.

99. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there has not been a petition from the Muslim community resident within the Choondal Panchayat area to have one from their community nominated to the Choondal Panchayat ;

(b) had they not pointed out in the petition the name of the candidate most suitable to be nominated from their community ;

(c) what has the Government done in the matter till now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) There were two petitions.

(b) Yes. Three candidates were proposed.

(c) The matter is under enquiry.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this Panchayat is now functioning?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—To the best of my knowledge it is functioning.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has not the term of the nominated Members expired already?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Level-Crossings.

100. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware of the dangerous conditions of some of the Railway level-crossing in the State;

(b) if so, whether they have taken any steps to improve them ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—None of the level-crossings is particularly dangerous, though some of them are capable of improvement. But they will all be suitably improved during the conversion of the line to Broad Guage now under progress.

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